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Letter dated 14 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, owing to the recent conflict in the Persian Gulf, at least 10 million barrels of crude oil has spilt out in the Persian Gulf. Being a semi-closed waterway, it takes about five years for circulation of the water therein. Besides, the disaster is of such a magnitude that, for years to come, its devastating impact can threaten the life of rare species and the whole ecosystem of the region.

Aware of the short- and long-term consequences of this immense pollution and, in order to manage a collective effort to contain the expansion of the pollution and to mitigate its widespread ramifications, the Islamic Republic of Iran has called for an emergency meeting of the Regional Organization for Protection of Marine Environment (ROPME) to be held at Tehran on 17 April 1991.

It would be highly appreciated if the text of the present note were circulated as a document of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "United Nations Conference on Environment and Development", and of the Security Council.

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